

## BOY AND BLIND MAN

Could Not Sell Feather Dusters in Wichita.

LAD WAS SENT HOME

Peddler and Companion Could Not Make Money.

T. T. Daniels, commissioner for the poor, made the heart of 10-year-old Hardy Fuhley glad yesterday by buying him a ticket and sending him on his way to his home and family at Elmdale, Texas.

Young Fuhley, in company with a blind peddler made his appearance in the city last Friday and after wandering around over the city a day and night, was sent to the city authorities where he told, in a straightforward way, a hard luck story. He said that his parents lived at Elmdale, Texas, and that a few weeks before, his father had given him to a blind peddler, who promised to clothe and provide for him in return for his company and help. He said the blind peddler sold feather dusters and had to have some one to sell them. After leaving Elmdale the boy said they had wandered north, stopping several days in each town they struck. The peddler did a good business and they lived pretty well, until a few days ago, when their hard luck began. They could not sell their wares and the blind man's supply of cash began to run low, until Friday, when he said, they went broke. He said: "The blind man can't keep me any longer, and I want to go home."

Some doubted the boy's story and told him to bring the blind peddler around. He left and in a very few minutes had the old man on the spot. His appearance testified to the boy's truthfulness. He told a story similar to that of his young companion, and who asked why he had deserted a 10-year-old boy hundreds of miles away from home, he almost broke down. "I did not desert him," he said. "I love him as I would my own child and I don't know what I will do without him, but I haven't a cent, and he is too young to stand such hardships. I promised his father faithfully that I would provide for him and I have tried hard, but I will have to give him up."

The queer couple were sent to T. T. Daniels, who always fixes out deserving strangers who are broke. The old peddler wanted to have Fuhley sent home and for himself said that if he could reach Denver he had friends there who would take care of him. Mr. Daniels said he could give them both tickets, but only for a short distance. The blind peddler showed his feeling for the boy by refusing a ticket for himself and asking Mr. Daniels to give it all to young Fuhley. The boy was given a ticket to Chickasha and left over the Rock Island last night at 7 o'clock. He will be given transportation from that point to his home. The peddler did not leave yesterday but will surely be helped on his way to Denver and friends when his story is known.

### A ROAR ON RATES.

Wichita Man Explains Them in a Novel Way.

The writer going down Douglas last the other day, happened to meet a fellow grain man and stopped to have a chat. After shaking hands with him, I noticed that he did not look just right. I said, "Somewhat the matter?" "Matter?" said he. "They are outrageous again."

"Why is he outrageous?" "Why, the Southwestern Traffic Committee."

"Who are they?" "Oh! They are a lot of guys representing the various railroads; members of the Southwestern Traffic association."

"What do they do?" "They are the fellows who make those Chinese puzzles they call tariffs, that the traffic managers and general freight agents say they cannot understand, and only a few of the cheaper guys can make head or tail out of them."

"How is this committee organized?" "It is composed of a chairman, a secretary, a few other fellows, and an office boy. They are social fellows. Sometimes they have a champagne supper, and you probably know how champagne works on a fellow. After one of those blow-outs they are a little off, and have a general all round feeling of euphoria."

"Some of them read the papers. Not all. But the fellows who read the papers generally have something to say. One says, 'I have been reading the Wichita Eagle, and see that those fellows around Wichita have been holding Sunday meetings and subscribing fifty dollar checks to a fund for the purpose of fighting our rates.' Another one of the committee says, 'I have been reading a Texas paper and I see that those fellows down there have been resolving again.' One says, 'They need touching up.' Another one says, 'Let me fix them again to the tariff of Shillville's kite.' The chairman says to the office boy, 'Johnny, hand me that card map.' To the secretary, 'Put on your monocle, get out your blue pencil, go to that wall map of the state of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri and follow instructions.' The chairman dictates as follows: 'Rates to Texas, from points on and north of the Main line of the Jan-Him and Jan-Him railway, beginning

### HAVE YOU ANY OF THESE

#### Symptoms of a Very Common Trouble?

There is no disease so common in the United States as catarrh because it appears in so many forms and attacks so many different organs.

It is a common mistake to suppose that catarrh is confined to the nose and throat. Any inflammation of the mucous membrane wherever located accompanied by abnormal secretions, is catarrh. Catarrh of stomach or bladder, or intestines is nearly as common as nasal catarrh and much more serious although it is true that stomach catarrh and catarrh of other internal organs is the result of neglected nasal catarrh.

A new remedy has recently appeared which so far as tested seems to be remarkably effective in promptly curing catarrh, wherever located. The preparation is sold by druggists generally under the name of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and in addition to being very palatable and convenient, possesses extraordinary merit. In many cases giving immediate relief from the coughing, hawking and constant clearing of the throat and head, those symptoms with which everyone is familiar who has ever suffered from colds in the head and throat.

Catarrh is simply a continuation of these symptoms until the trouble becomes chronic and grows gradually worse from year to year.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are composed of blood root, red gum and similar antiseptics and catarrh specific, from which it will be seen that no secret is made of the ingredients and also that no mineral poisons are used, as is the case with many well known catarrh medicines.

For catarrh of the nose, throat, bronchial tubes, for catarrh of stomach, intestine or bladder no preparation is so safe and gives such rapid and permanent results as Stuart's Catarrh Tablets.

All druggists sell them at 50c for full sized package. You can use them with assurance that you will not contract the cocaine or morphine habit as the results from this catarrh cure are apparent from the first day's use.

at Sniville on the Big Muddy river, thence west through Clinton, Dogtown, Skunktown, to, but not including Punkinville, to be the lowest combination on Sniville, using local rates named in tariff. You-See, 1-See 175, in addition to the proportionate rates named in tariff Jay-Bee 34. Rates from all stations on the Jan-Him, Jan-Him, Cat Log and Saw-Log railways south of the above described lines, shall be three cents per hundred less than the sum of the local and proportionate through Sniville.

"Sam, what effect will these have on Wichita and vicinity?" "Beginning on September 10, until December 15, we have been on an equal footing with the towns in the eastern part of the state and Missouri. This for the first time in the history of Kansas railroading. Since December 15, they have put us back onto the local into Sniville, plus the proportionate out, minus three cents. It gives those towns in Missouri and eastern Kansas four to six cents per hundred advantage over us. Supposing you want to ship a car of corn from here to San Antonio, Texas. Here is the way it is done: Add to our local rate of 12 cents per hundred into Sniville, 20 1/2 cents, the proportionate rate from Sniville to San Antonio, and you have 32 1/2 cents, then deduct three cents, which will leave 29 1/2 cents, the through rate from Wichita to San Antonio. Some of these eastern towns have an 8 cent local to Sniville, and some have less, but for comparison, we will use the 8 cent local. For example, the rate from Chanute, Kansas, on corn to San Antonio, Texas, is 23 1/2 cents. Thus, local, Chanute to Sniville, 8 cents, plus 20 1/2 proportionate Sniville to San Antonio, equal 28 1/2 cents, minus three cents, or 25 1/2 cents; the through rate Chanute to San Antonio, Texas. Four cents per hundred lower than Wichita, and about 100 miles longer haul."

"Why do they charge us with the local to Sniville when our grain does not go in that direction, and we are 20 miles nearer Texas?" "Oh! That is the trick."

"He said that this rate business reminded him of three little boys who lived in a town in Illinois, we called them the impudibles; where one went, they all went. One of them was a little Irish chap, named Murphy, who owned one of those old woolly Shepherd dogs named Grip. The dog was all right on tin cans, but he was a terror on cats. They would tie tin cans to his tail, and he seemed to think it was all right. Once in a while they would get some neighbor's cat. One of the boys would go up the street a little way, another would hold Grip and at a given signal from the third, the others would let loose the cat and dog. The way that cat, dog and tin can would turn the corner was a caution. One day in their rambles, they found a jack knife. Each claimed an interest in it. Murphy had possession and intended to keep it. After studying awhile he says, Boys, I will tell you what we will do. We will tie our tin cans to old Grip's tail, get Mrs. Malone's cat, and have a chase, the owner of the tin can first around the corner shall have the knife. This was agreed to. The other boys tied their cans on first, Murphy being last. He saw little difference in the length of the strings of the other boys, and reasoned that if he would make his string a little shorter than the others, his can would be the first around the corner, and he could keep the knife. One of the boys got the cat. Murphy held the dog and the third gave the word, and away they go. Around the corner went the cat with old Grip second, and Murphy's tin can a clear third, the other tin cans bringing up the rear. Murphy kept the knife. A bystander asked him how it was done. He replied: 'Oh, that's the trick.'"

"Sniville represents the corner around which everything from this state must turn, eastern Kansas and Missouri represent Murphy. Northern and southern Kansas represent the other boys."

"Have they not changed the rates on grain between Kansas and Texas points a great many times during the last year?" "Yes, they have. I think they must have the original Flannigan on that committee, since they have had such an off again, on gain, gone again, Flannigan time with the rates. On March 10, 1902, they started out, September 10, off again; November 15, on again; December 15, gone again."

"How have they fixed Texas?" "Oh! You ought to see the way the committee butchered that Texas steer; it is enough to make the Butchers' National Union green with envy. If the champagne should give out or those fellows lose their jobs, they could apply at any packing house in the country and get another. They are artists. In the northeast corner of the state they have cut off four or five counties for the head and called it group one. They then run along the north line of the state and cut off a sort of portion, hence steak of about twenty-two counties and parts of counties and call it group two. Away over in the eastern part of the state they cut off a bracket of three or four counties and called it group three. For a rib roast they cut off five or six

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When the tickets are all sold we will notify our customers by postal card and set the day for the drawing. Ticket holders will come in on that day, appoint their own committee and do their own drawing.

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## Monday We Begin Our Great Semi-Annual Wonder Sale

THESE SALES have always been the talk of the town. We expect to make this one a greater success than any former sale.

We Commence Monday With the 5c Wonders

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| 25c Talcum Powder, Wonder Sale                                | 5c |
| 15c Jeweled Tie Pins, Wonder Sale                             | 5c |
| Six Bunches Hair Pins, Wonder Sale                            | 5c |
| 5 Papers Adamantine Pins, Wonder Sale                         | 5c |
| 15c Boys' Suspenders, Wonder Sale                             | 5c |
| 10c Adjustable Cuffholders, Wonder Sale                       | 5c |
| 10c Child's Hose Supporters, Wonder Sale                      | 5c |
| 5 Boxes Mourning Pins, Wonder Sale                            | 5c |
| 5 Dozen Brass Head Thumb Tacks, Wonder Sale                   | 5c |
| 500 Carpet Tacks, Wonder Sale                                 | 5c |
| 10c Padlock, Wonder Sale                                      | 5c |
| 2 Pairs Porpoise Shoe Laces, Wonder Sale                      | 5c |
| 10c Leather Watch Guard, Wonder Sale                          | 5c |
| 3 Balls Darning Cotton, Wonder Sale                           | 5c |
| Brass Lamp Burners, Wonder Sale                               | 5c |
| Quart Bottle Household Ammonia, Wonder Sale                   | 5c |
| 10c Bottle Pure Sperm Machine Oil, Wonder Sale                | 5c |
| 10c Fine Combs, Wonder Sale                                   | 5c |
| Chair Bottoms, Wonder Sale                                    | 5c |
| Embroidery, worth 10c, 5c and 5c yd., Wonder Sale, 2 yds. for | 5c |
| 10c Cake Knife, Wonder Sale                                   | 5c |
| 10c Out-of-sight Mouse Traps, Wonder Sale, 2 for              | 5c |
| 15c Dover Egg Beater, Wonder Sale                             | 5c |
| 10c Paring Knife, Wonder Sale                                 | 5c |
| Steel Pot Cleaner, Wonder Sale                                | 5c |
| 6 Pairs Linen Shoe Laces, Wonder Sale                         | 5c |
| Box Japanese Toothpicks, Wonder Sale                          | 5c |
| 15c Coin Purse, Wonder Sale                                   | 5c |
| 15c Boys' Silk Bow Ties, Wonder Sale                          | 5c |
| 20c Cuff Buttons, Wonder Sale                                 | 5c |

## The Tornado LEADERS OF LOW PRICES

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counties and called it group four, throwing the tail, hide and balance of the carcass into group five and six for good measure. "A SUFFERER."

William Schnitzler, who has been very ill the past week, is reported better.

Card of Thanks. We wish to return our heartfelt thanks to our friends for their kindness and word of sympathy and consolation, and for the beautiful flowers sent us in memory of our darling Mabel.

MR. AND MRS. T. A. SULLIVAN.

## Geo. Innes & Co.

Wichita's Largest and Most Popular Store

## A Tremendous Dress Goods Clearance Starts Tomorrow

WE EXPECT this sale of Dress Goods to assume greater importance than the combined sales of all other departments. Holiday display tables have given way to the entire display of rich weaves each selected especially for its merit in some particular purpose to dress, affording an unrivaled scope for selection. There are hundreds of pieces marked low enough that cost will appeal to you astonishingly, but our policy is to show nothing during 1903 but goods of 1902. Therein lies the story of such reduction.



Arranged in Lots on Center Tables as Follows:

LOT ONE—Worth up to \$50, comprises weaves of serge, zibeline and fancies, in black and colors. This sale..... **48c**

LOT TWO—Worth up to \$1.00, comprises rich granites, zibelines and basket weaves, in black and colors. This sale..... **58c**

NOVELTY SUITS—One large main window full, just one pattern to each piece, bought last year. Rather than carry them over, we place them at your choosing. Worth up to \$25.00. **\$5.00**

LOT THREE—Worth up to \$1.25, comprises basket weaves and kerseys in light weights, and zibeline and serge, in black and colors. This sale..... **68c**

LOT FOUR—Worth up to \$1.75, comprises fine pebble chevrons, zibelines and double faced goods, in black and colors. This sale..... **88c**

ANOTHER LOT of those Choice Fancy Silks that sold so well at our great Silk Sale two weeks ago will be included; worth up to \$1.50. Your choice of any on the large round center table..... **69c**

See Mammoth Window Showing

## Mid-Winter Underwear Clearance

January, February and March—three months of winter yet to come. This selling offers a rare opportunity to those not yet amply supplied. Several large purchases whereby the manufacturer loses, placing this selling far ahead of any past offers.

Ladies' Fine Wool Union Suits, medium weight, silk bound, closes across butt; worth \$2.25. This sale **\$1.69**

Ladies' Fine Wool Union Suits, heavy weight; worth regular \$2.25. This sale **\$1.69**

10 Per Cent Off

On one lot of Munsing's Vests and Pants that were of rare value at their former prices; all sizes.

Men's Fine All Wool Shirts and Pants, sanitary shrunk, silk bound edges; a very fine and serviceable quality. Our regular \$1.50 goods..... **\$1.29**

Wright's Health Shirts and Drawers, with fine all wool fleece, silk stitch, sanitary shrunk; sell the world over at \$1.50..... **\$1.29**

## Stylish Coats Radically Reduced

A shipment direct from high class makers, bought for the holiday selling, but arrived too late. We are determined not to invoice them, so purchase this week as quoted.

A very handsome Half-Fitting Coat of fine castor, kersey, double breasted, high storm collar, deep turn-back cuffs and closes with white pearl buttons; regular \$7.50 Coat..... **\$5.00**



A very dresy Coat of castor kersey, satin lined, high storm collar, three rows of fine tailor stitching, closes with long smoked pearl buttons, half fitting; regular \$10 coat..... **\$7.50**

An exceedingly stylish Monte Carlo Coat, made of castor kersey, double cape and new balloon sleeves, four rows tailor stitching, closes with large fancy pearl buttons and satin lined; regular \$15 coat..... **\$9.95**



## Skating Is Now On

Has started early and promises to be a good winter for skating. We have the largest assortment of Skates in the city. Skates for boys, girls, men and women, for old and young.

## Heating Stoves

We have just a few Heating Stoves left which we will sell at greatly reduced prices; see us before you buy a Stove or Range.

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